[MR. SPEAKER in the Chair.]

STARRED QUESTIONS

(to which oral answers were given)

Supply of Electric Pumpsets

*Q.—280. Sri R. S. HEGDE (Honavar).—

Will the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the number of electric pumpsets supplied to agriculturists of North Kanara District under the lease and lend scheme so far (Talukwise information may be given) ;

(*b*) the number of applications that are still pending scrutiny and since when they are pending (Talukwise lists may be given) ?

A.—Sri G. B. SHANKAR RAO (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Public Works).—

(*a*)—

Name of the Taluk		No. of electric pumpsets supplied on hire purchase.
1 Bhatkal	...	8
2 Siddapur	...	2
3 Haliyal	...	1
4 Kumta	...	3
Total	...	14

Name of the Taluk		No. of applications pending
1 Honavar	...	59
2 Kumta	...	2
3 Karwar	...	1
4 Sirsi	...	4
5 Haliyal	...	10
6 Siddapur	...	22
7 Bhatkal	...	10
Total	...	108

(SRI G. B. SHANKAR RAO)

The applications are pending from September 1963 and onwards.

Sri R. S. HEGDE.—In answer to (*b*) it is said that 108 applications have been pending since September 1963; May I know at what stage these applications have been pending and what are the special reasons for pendency from 1963 ?

Sri G. B. SHANKAR RAO.—The reasons for pendency of these applications is that sub-transmission lines have not been developed in that area. Applications are pending at several stages of scrutiny and other things.

Mr. SPEAKER.—This matter is going to be thoroughly discussed by the House when we take up the financial statements and Budget of the Electricity Board. I will give chances to members to participate in the debate rather than allowing supplementaries on this question.

I may inform the House that the Hon'ble Chief Minister is not here and the Hon'ble Minister for Home is deputising for the purpose of answering these questions. He has to go to the other House at 2.15 P.M. He has asked my permission to take them out of the order paper if necessary so that the work of both Houses may be co-ordinated.

Sri M. V. KRISHNAPPA (Minister for Revenue).—I have to be in the other House at 2.15 P.M. and there are some questions in my name. They may be taken up first.

Mr. SPEAKER.—I have no objection.

Scarcity conditions in Belgaum Division

*Q.—496. Sri C. S. HULKOTI (Mundargi).—

Will the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the areas that are affected by scarcity conditions in Belgaum Division during 1964-65 and 1965-66 ;

(*b*) the action taken by the Government to meet the situation in the said areas ;

(*c*) the number of scarcity works that have been started in the said areas (talukwise information may be furnised) ;

(*d*) whether Government are aware that cattle are being sold at cheap rate due to want of fodder and people are suffering for want of work and food in the said area ?

*A.—Sri M. V. KRISHNAPPA (Minister for Revenue).—

(*a*) *Vide* Statement-I appended.

(*b*) (1) Recovery of L. R. was postponed either in full or in half on the basis of the annewari of crops.

(2) Recovery of other Government dues such as tagai, BND pot-hissa, etc., were suspended proportionately.